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J54024940 Themateial is prepd. by (le adding an alkali to crushed tomatoes or the residue formed during the prodn. of processed tomato foodstuffs contg. carotenoid comprising mainly lycopine to a pH of 7.5-9.0, stirring the mixt. at ú65 degrees C in a slight alkaline state for several hrs., and thereby sepg. carotenoid complex from the raw material, (2) filtering and purifying the sepd. liq. using a pulper, shifter or centrifuge to remove unnecessary peel, seeds and fibres, (3) adding an acid to the purified filtrate to such an extent that the filtrate becomes weakly acid and thereby sepg. and depositing carotenoid colour element, and removing the unnecessary upper turbid liq. and (4) controlling the pH of the coagulated deposit, concentrating the deposit, adding an acid to the deposit, and adding appropriate amts. of table salt to the acid deposit. The carotenoid composite is dispersed smoothly in water-contg. foods in the absence of dispersing agents. The carotenoid composite having a pH of 4-5 and contg. 1% of table salt has water-dispersing property and resists decomposition and can be stored for prolonged periods.